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LICENSE AND REGISTRATION RENEWALS

- All licenses expire annually on Dec. 31.
- There is a grace period for full MD/DO licenses only to renew from Jan. 1 to Jan. 31 with a late fee.
- Renewal applications are completed and submitted through the Licensee Portal beginning on Oct. 1.
- A reminder postcard is sent to the address of record in October.
- Be sure your contact information is correct at the Licensee Portal.
- All lawful aliens/foreign national licensees practicing in Alabama are required to submit annually a Declaration of Lawful Presence with proof of legal presence prior to renewing a license. Once the documentation has been received and approved, the license will be available for renewal.

LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE FOR RENEWAL:

MD/DO Licenses

Full (traditional and IMLC)
Limited and RSVP

MD/DO Registrations

ACSC
Office Based Surgery
Pain Management

PA/AA License

QACSC/LPSP

“FOR THE DOCTOR THERE IS
NEEDED A KINDLY HEART, A
GENTLE TOUCH, THE CONTROL
TO KEEP A CONFIDENCE, LOVE OF
CHILDREN, WITH THE POWER TO
MAKE A DECISION AND TO ACCEPT
RESPONSIBILITY.”

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MD/DO LICENSES

Full (traditional and IMLC) (Renewal Fee \$300)

Full traditional license renewal requirements:

- All licenses expire on Dec. 31 each year.
- Renewal period is Oct. 1 - Dec. 31 (grace period with an additional charge Jan 1 - 31).
- A reminder postcard is sent to the email address of record beginning in October.
- Renew online using the Licensee Portal beginning on Oct. 1.
- Be sure the information provided is accurate.

Full license via the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact renewal:

Licenses obtained via the IMLC must be renewed by using the IMLC renewal website. If the IMLC licensee has an ACSC, the license must first be renewed, then the ACSC may be renewed through the Alabama Licensee Portal.

YOU MUST RENEW LICENSES OBTAINED THROUGH THE COMPACT BY USING THE COMPACT WEBSITE

*Limited (training, teaching, state institution)
(COQ Renewal Fee \$15/License Renewal Fee \$300)*

- Limited certificates of qualification (COQ) and licenses are issued for one year only.
- Limited COQs must be renewed prior to Oct. 14 of each year.
- Once the COQ is renewed, you must also renew the limited license through the Licensee Portal.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (No Renewal Fee)

- RSV licenses and certificates of qualification expire annually on Dec. 31.
- The certificate of qualification must be renewed prior to renewing the license.
- Fill out the RSVP Certificate of Qualification Renewal Application, have it signed by the clinic or facility administrator, and email or mail it to the Board on or before Oct. 14.
- Once the COQ renewal application has been approved by the Board, the RSVP License is available to be renewed through the renewal website which opens on Oct. 1.
- Please contact your facility with any questions or for additional information.

All lawful aliens/foreign national licensees practicing in Alabama are required to submit annually a Declaration of Lawful Presence form with proof of legal presence as a non-permanent alien prior to renewing your license. You will not be allowed to renew until legal presence documentation has been received and approved by SAVE.

REGISTRATIONS

ACSC (Renewal Fee \$150)

- ACSCs are renewed annually on or before Dec. 31 through the Licensee Portal.
- To apply for re-issuance of an expired ACSC, please contact our office using the Contact Form (choose ACSC from drop-down list).

As a requirement for ACSC renewal, applicant must

- Obtain two AMA PRA Category 1 credits every two years in an area of controlled substances prescribing.
- Have a current registration to access the Prescription Drug Monitoring Databank.
- Have a current Drug Enforcement Administration registration.

Office Based Surgery (No Fee)

Registrations for physicians who perform office-based surgery renew annually during the license renewal process. There is no fee for this registration or its renewal.

Pain Management (Renewal Fee \$100)

Pain management registrations expire on Dec. 31 of each year and are renewed in the same manner and during the same period as licenses and ACSCs (Oct. - Dec.).

PA/AA License (Renewal Fee \$100)

- Licenses are renewed annually on or before Dec. 31.
- The current annual CME requirement is 25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.

If a PA/AA fails to renew a license before Jan. 1 of each year, it may subsequently be renewed as follows:

- Between Jan. 1 and Jan. 31, submit a completed application, pay the fee, and certify completion of the required CME credits earned in the prior year.
- Feb. 1 and thereafter, submit a completed application, pay the fee, and submit proof of completion of the required CME credits earned within the preceding 12 months.

QACSC/LPSP

- QACSC/LPSP is renewed annually on or before Dec. 31 of each year.
- QACSC/LPSP renewals begin on Oct. 1 and are online only through the Licensee Portal.

As a requirement for QACSC/LPSP renewal, applicant must:

- Obtain four AMA PRA Category 1 credits every two years through a Board-approved course regarding the prescribing of controlled substances.
- Have a current registration to access the Prescription Drug Monitoring Databank.
- Have a current Drug Enforcement Administration registration.

NOTE: A late fee will be assessed for renewal applications submitted after Dec.31.

Licensees and Registrants – Complete Renewal Applications Personally



As physicians, we understand. You're busy. Paperwork often seems designed to frustrate, and it's a lot easier to let someone else handle it.

However, your license is your most precious asset. It is worth the time it takes once a year to personally complete your license and registration renewals.

Countless times, we have seen a license disciplined because "someone else filled out my renewal application" and did not include accurate information. "Someone else" is not the person who will be contacted by the Board when it appears a licensee has been dishonest.

Also, confirm for yourself your CME credits earned and review your documentation to be sure it is correct and complete. This is another area where you do not want to rely solely on "someone else."

We don't enjoy disciplining a license for missing or incorrect information on a renewal application. We prefer that the licensee be diligent and prevent this occurrence in the first place.

Operation of Wellness Clinics Offering Administration of IV Medications for a Fee

In July 2022, following a state-wide investigation into businesses providing IV therapy, the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners issued a ruling stating that only a licensed physician, an assistant to physicians, a certified registered nurse practitioner, or a certified nurse midwife may diagnose, treat, correct, advise, or prescribe intravenous medication to a person for any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain or other condition, whether real or imaginary.

The ruling confirms that the diagnosis of a patient's condition and the recommendation of IV therapy constitute the practice of medicine and that it is outside the scope of practice for a registered nurse. The issuance of "standing orders" by an absent physician for an RN to follow does not satisfy the physician's legal duties to the patient and in fact, creates a situation in which the physician is aiding and abetting the practice of medicine by the RN.

To comply with Alabama law, a retail IV therapy business must create a physician-patient relationship through the performance of an individualized evaluation by a physician or a PA, CRNP, or CNM working in a legal registration or collaboration with the physician. Medical records must be created, and a prescription must be issued for the IV therapy before it is administered.

[Click here for the declaratory ruling.](#)





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REPORT OF PUBLIC ACTIONS OF THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION AND BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

July 2022

- Jul. 21 - Vinit V. Patel, MD (MD.21022), Hoover - the medical license is voluntarily surrendered.
- July 28 - Richard L. Snellgrove, MD (MD.16922), Fairhope - the probation on the medical license is lifted.

August 2022

- Aug. 5 - Ludonir C. Sebastiany, MD (MD.44831), Centreville - the medical license is voluntarily restricted.
- Aug. 18 - Laurence J. Cibley, MD (MD.22222), Dallas TX - the medical license is voluntarily surrendered.
- Aug. 18 - John P. Scanlon, DO (DO.458), Anchorage AK - the medical license is voluntarily surrendered.
- Aug. 24 - Patrick F. Kelly, DO (DO.1531), Andalusia - the medical license is reprimanded, an administrative fine is assessed, and additional CME credits are required
- Aug. 24 - John H. McFarland, MD (MD.11404), Opelika - the medical license is reprimanded, an administrative fine is assessed, and additional CME credits are required
- Aug. 29 - Sammy F. Becdach, MD (MD.25345), Huntsville - the medical license is revoked.
- Aug. 29 - Kevin R. Diel, MD (MD.30614), Opp - a fine is assessed and conditions are placed on collaborative practices.
- Aug. 29 - Farhaad R. Riyaz, MD (MD.41982), Manassas VA - the medical license is reprimanded and placed on probation.
- Aug. 29 - Hobert J Sharpton, Jr., DO (DO.205), Cullman - the medical license is returned to full, unrestricted status.

September 2022

- Sept. 15 - Frank B. Lee, MD (no license), Allen TX - Dr. Lee shall cease and desist the practice of medicine in Alabama.
 - Sept. 15 - Ginger L. Alred, MD (MD.4325), Alabaster - effective Oct. 7, 2022, the Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate is voluntarily surrendered.
 - Sept. 15 - Michael W. Proctor, MD (MD.11525), Madison - the medical license is voluntarily surrendered.
 - Sept. 23 - Jeffrey Coykendall, MD (MD.42202), Irondale - the conditions in the voluntary restriction are amended.
- ### Failure to Renew Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate (Administrative Fine)
- Yamima Bashir, MD (MD.41088), Mobile AL

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check your progress
on having the required
CMEs.**

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are in the middle of
renewing your license.**

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